

Liquor sales in Galveston State Park
(HB 1462 by Criss/Brooks)

DIGEST: HB 1462 would have prohibited the Parks and Wildlife Department from banning the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a nonprofit concessioner's area of Galveston State Park.

GOVERNOR'S
REASON
FOR VETO:

Currently, alcoholic beverages may not be sold in any Texas state park. This bill would set an inappropriate precedent for the Texas state park system.

RESPONSE: Rep. Lloyd Criss, the author of HB 1462, said the bill was intended to help the nonprofit organization that funds and subsidizes the Mary Moody Northern Amphitheater in the Galveston state park; allowing the organization to sell alcoholic beverages would have produced revenues that would have brought the theater closer to supporting itself. The Parks and Wildlife Department asked the governor to veto the bill. "They're running the show up here and get what they want," Rep. Criss said.

NOTES: The House Research Organization analysis of HB 1462 appeared in the April 20, 1989 Daily Floor Report.